Four laning of NH-47

2578. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether four laning of National Highway 47 from Emakulam to Trivandrum is under-way;

(b) the reasons for the inordinate delay in completing the project;

(c) the length so far completed; and

(d) the time required for completing the remaining portion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d). From Ernakulam to Cherthalai (length 30 km) four laning in a stretch of 20 km has already been completed. The contract for four laning of Cochin Port connectivity Project having 10 km length has been terminated in May, 2007 due to poor progress and bids are being invited for balance works. Cherthalai - Trivandrum Section of NH-4 7 having a length of 173 km has been approved for widening to four lane under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III to be executed on Build Operate.Transfer (BOT) basis. For this stretch Detailed Project Report (DPR) is in progress.

Golden Quadrilateral in Uttar Pradesh

2579. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the length of the roads to be constructed under Golden Quadrilateral in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of targets of construction of roads during the current year in Uttar Pradesh alongwith the region/sections where such roads would be constructed;

(c) the total amount likely to be spent on such construction; and

(d) by when the construction work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Out of 641 km length of Golden Quadrilateral falling in the state of Uttar Pradesh, 4-laning in a length of 563 has been completed and balance length of 78 km is in progress.

(b) to (d) No State-wise targets are fixed for National Highways Development Project (NHDP). However, the works scheduled for completion under NHDP in. the State of Uttar Pradesh during the year 2007-08 are given in the Statement.